

**Electric Utilities Task Group
February 22, 2016
Town Hall, Old Town Road
10:00 a.m.**

Present: Committee members: Barbara MacMullan, Everett Shorey, Bill Penn. Clerk Bonny Ryan was present to take minutes for the open session.

Also present were Cliff McGinnes, Dave Milner, Renee Meyer from the Block Island Times and Town Manager Nancy Dodge.

Meeting was called to order by Chair Barbara MacMullan at 10:02 a.m.

1. Public Input – None

2. Approval of minutes from November 30, 2015

Minutes of the January 25, 2016 were not available.

Bill Penn moved to approve the minutes of Nov. 30, 2015 seconded by Everett Shorey.

Ayes 3(MacMullan, Shorey, Penn) Nays 0

3. Deepwater Update: No update; no Deepwater liaison. There will be an update at 12:15 with the National Grid presentation.

4. Discussion of BIPco restructuring/rate case issues.

Mr. Shorey had attended the ENE meeting. His biggest take away from the meeting was power purchasing is very complicated and that the Town needs to hire an expert on power purchasing.

Richard LaCapra will be contacted to identify some consultants and a recommendation will be passed on to the Town Council.

There were four (4) options for back-up generation:

1. no back-up at all
2. back-up only for emergency.
3. generation only to help displace our own loads
4. Paying capacity charge.

5. Schedule Public Informational meeting

Chip Farrington of Fox Island Electric Community Co-op will come to the Island to hold a public information session on March 12, 2016 from 1:00 – 4:00pm, at Town Hall. He has experience with cable installation, buying power and running generators. The public policy questions that were generated for a rate payer workshop will be used. Susan McDonald of Island Institute will also attend.

6. Approve Annual Meeting Calendar

With one date change Mr. Penn moved to approve the 2016 calendar, seconded by Ms. MacMullan.

Ayes 3(MacMullan, Shorey, Penn) Nays 0

At 10:50 a.m. Mr. Shorey moved to enter closed session pursuant to RIGL§ 42-46-5(a)(5) acquisition of property. This was seconded by Mr. Penn and voted unanimously.

At 11:20 a.m. Mr. Shorey moved to return to open session and adjourn, seconded by Mr. Penn and voted unanimously.

Minutes accepted: 3/28/2016

Bonny Ryan